

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

RICHARD LOWERY,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No. 1:23-cv-00129-DAE
LILLIAN MILLS, et al.,)
Defendants.)

ORAL and VIDEOTAPE DEPOSITION OF
SHERIDAN TITMAN
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Volume 1

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1 Q. It says --

2 A. Andres Almazan.

3 Q. Yes. It says it's from Andres Almazan to
4 you and Aydogan Alti.

5 A. I don't recall.

6 Q. Let's go through that email that's been
7 marked as Exhibit 4. You have had a chance to review
8 it; is that correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. It was -- the email was sent by Andres
11 Almazan on August 8, 2022; is that correct?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. This would have been the day before the
14 discussion you had with Lillian Mills on August 9 that
15 you don't recall the content of; is that correct?

16 A. I don't recall this email either.

17 Q. You don't have recollection about the
18 contents of that email?

19 A. No, I don't remember.

20 Q. Who is Andres Almazan?

21 A. He's a faculty member in finance.

22 Q. At the McCombs School?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Is he acquainted with Jay Hartzell?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. How do you know that?

2 A. Because Jay was part of our finance faculty
3 also.

4 Q. Are Jay and Andres friends?

5 A. They are colleagues.

6 Q. What are Andres' politics?

7 A. They are left of Richard's.

8 Q. Have Andres and Richard clashed before?

9 A. I don't think they like each other.

10 Q. Why do you say that?

11 A. Richard has told me he doesn't like Andres.

12 Q. Has he explained why he doesn't like
13 Andres?

14 A. Nothing too specific.

15 Q. Has Andres ever expressed an opinion about
16 Richard that you can recall?

17 A. I don't think Andres likes Richard.

18 Q. Why would you say that?

19 A. I don't know. I believe he's told me he
20 doesn't like Richard.

21 Q. Has he explained why? Does he think
22 Richard is a fire breathing, right wing libertarian?

23 A. It's not a political thing.

24 Q. So what's your sense of what he said about
25 why he doesn't like Richard?

1 A. I don't recall anything specific.

2 Q. Do you recall any particular issue that
3 they had a disagreement on, like on a faculty committee
4 or something like that?

5 A. I just don't recall anything specific.

6 Q. How about Aydogan Alti, who is he?

7 A. He's also on the faculty.

8 Q. Of the Finance Department?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Where is he politically relative to
11 Richard?

12 A. My guess he's to the left of Richard.

13 That's more of a statement on Richard than on Alti.

14 Q. There is a lot of real estate to the left
15 of Richard?

16 A. Yes, most of us are to the left of Richard.

17 Q. Have Mr. Alti and -- or Professor Alti and
18 Richard clashed on any issues at the McCombs School?

19 A. Not to my knowledge.

20 Q. Has Professor Alti expressed any opinions
21 about Richard or Richard's political views?

22 A. Not about the political views, but I don't
23 think he likes Richard.

24 Q. What makes you say that?

25 A. I don't know. Nothing specific. That's my

1 what it says.

2 BY MR. KOLDE:

3 Q. Don't worry about the lawyers arguing. You
4 may answer.

5 A. You could speculate that what you are
6 saying is correct.

7 Q. It's a reasonable interpretation of what he
8 said?

9 MR. DOW: Objection, form, speculation.

10 BY MR. KOLDE:

11 Q. You may answer.

12 A. It's a plausible interpretation.

13 Q. I have some more exhibits I want to discuss
14 with you, but I did want to go back to this issue of
15 the relationship between Jay Hartzell and Alti Aydogan.
16 Are they friends?

17 A. They are colleagues.

18 Q. Did they go to strip clubs together?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. Didn't they bring you a hat from a strip
21 club?

22 A. Bring me a hat from a strip club? I once
23 got a hat from a place called Rachel's or something.

24 Q. Is that a strip club?

25 A. I don't know.

1 Q. You will have to excuse me. I don't know
2 the strip club scene in Austin or anywhere.

3 A. I don't think it was from Austin.

4 Q. But it was a strip club hat?

5 A. It was nothing on the hat that said this is
6 a strip club hat.

7 Q. You knew it to be a strip club hat?

8 A. I think somebody told me. I didn't know it
9 myself.

10 Q. It was given to you by Jay or by Alti
11 Aydogan?

12 A. Probably by Jay.

13 Q. Aydogan Alti. I'm sorry. I'm reversing
14 those names. Probably by Jay?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. He had gone -- he told you he had gone to
17 the club with Aydogan?

18 A. I don't recall Alti being involved, but --
19 I had some politically incorrect hats, just hats that I
20 like to wear. So they thought I would like the hat.

21 Q. It wasn't something about the name Rachel?

22 A. I don't think so.

23 Q. Have you heard or seen that Richard Lowery
24 appeared on the Richard Hanania podcast on July 18,
25 2022?

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